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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language references 5-8 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. The present application was filed or entered the U.S. National Stage of the PCT after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the June 11, 2003, Notice waiving the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 4. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references 5-8 appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- ☒ 5. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references 3-8 are attached hereto.

- ☒ 6. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 3-8.

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	8.	JP A 2001-263015 w/abstract & transl.	9/26/2001	JAPAN			
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Appendix

(3) Concise Explanation of Relevance of

Japanese Patent Application Laid Open NO. 2001-065374:

This reference describes such a technique that the opening and closing timing of the intake valve is set to the most retarded or delayed time when a water thermometer has a failure. This is described in the specification of the present application.

This reference was found as a result of search conducted by the applicant and/or assignee of the present application.

(4) Concise Explanation of Relevance of

Japanese Patent Application Laid Open NO. 2001-065376:

This reference describes such a technique is that the opening and closing timing of the intake valve out of the constituent elements of the opening/closing characteristics is fixed to the most retarded or delayed time when an opening measurement sensor (e.g. a throttle position sensor) in the opening control mechanism of a throttle valve has a failure. This is described in the specification of the present application.

This reference was found as a result of search conducted by the applicant and/or assignee of the present application.

(5) Concise Explanation of Relevance of

Japanese Patent Application Laid Open NO. Hei10-184406:

This reference describes such a technique that the operating angle out of the opening/closing characteristics of the intake valve is fixed to the largest side in the internal combustion engine for

controlling the intake air amount by adjusting the opening/closing characteristics of the intake valve and by the opening control mechanism of a throttle valve (e.g. an electronic control throttle valve), as the fail-safe processing upon the failure or malfunction of the opening control mechanism of a throttle valve. This is described in the specification of the present application.

This reference was found as a result of search conducted by the applicant and/or assignee of the present application.

(6) Concise Explanation of Relevance of

Japanese Patent Application Laid Open NO. 2001-263015:

This reference describes an operating angle change mechanism, which is one of the opening/closing characteristics. It is possible to exemplify a mechanism for continuously changing the operating angle of the intake valve and the lift amount by using a rotating cam. This is described in the specification of the present application.

This reference was found as a result of search conducted by the applicant and/or assignee of the present application.